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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 28 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-28-22

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 28 continues gear reductions in the Northern District set gillnet fishery of Upper Cook Inlet during the regulatory fishing periods from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022, and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday August 4, 2022. In the General Subdistrict, of the Northern District, legal gear during these fishing periods will be reduced to no more than one net per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length. In the Eastern Subdistrict, of the Northern District, legal gear during these fishing periods will be reduced to no more than two set gillnets per permit, with each set gillnet measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length with the aggregate net length not to exceed 70 fathoms.

All of the Northern District set gillnet fishery will return to a full complement of gear, as described in 5 AAC 21.331 *Gillnet Specifications and Operations*, beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022.

5 AAC 21.358 *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* allows the department to conservatively manage the commercial fishery in the Northern District while sockeye salmon abundance monitoring continues to better understand the productivity of Susitna River sockeye salmon. The *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* provides the department with the option of reducing gear in the Northern District set gillnet fishery from July 20 through August 6.